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The winter communion service will be held Sabbath morning, Feb. 9. Baptism and reception of members at that service.

The women of Section No. 1 will serve supper in the lecture rooms of the church Thursday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Get your supper at the church that evening.

Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer will entertain the ladies of the church at her home, 1209 West Wayne street at a thimble tea Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 28. All the ladies of the church are invited.

The church kitchen needs a new supply of tea towels. Every lady of the church is asked to bring a towel to the thimble tea at the home of Mrs. Gumpfer.

The Woman's Aid Society held its monthly and annual meeting Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. J. H. Straub; Vice President, Mrs. John Snyder; Secretary, Miss Anna Doerner; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Liekauf. The officers of the Society, together with the following women appointed by the president, constitute the executive committee: Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. Bitner, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Mrs. Geo. Hesserdt, Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, Mrs. F. W. Hildebrand. This committee held a meeting at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hildebrand Monday afternoon, Jan. 6, to plan for the work of the Society for the year. The following items were adopted by the committee:

1st.—A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Snyder for excellent service dur-

ing her term of office as president of the society.

2nd.—That the suppers and thimble teas be continued during the year.

3rd.—That the Christmas sale and supper be held in December.

4th.—That the Sewings be continued during the year. Sewing Com.: Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, chairman; Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Miss Libbie Felker.

5th.—That an Easter market be held March 22nd.

6th.—That each woman of the church be furnished with nickel to increase or with a penny box.

7th.—Suppers will be served by the sections in the following order: Section No. 1 will serve supper Thursday, Feb. 6. Managers, Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Mrs. Frank More, Mrs. Frank Leikauf. Assistants: Mesdames A. K. Zartman, John Schneider, L. W. Hills, W. L. Hilbisch, Charles Rogers, John Sessler, H. E. Vordermark, Frank Shunk, Jennie Wickliffe, Harry Crall, Mary Gooley, S. D. Zeis, Rachel Wells, David Copenhagen, Isaac Clippenger, Richard Weller, Catherine Romy, Robert Gavin, A. M. Henderson, Louis Wilkening, D. H. Wilbert, R. F. Dinger, Margaret Boger, May Schaich, George Miller, Lenora McAfee, Lucy Zimmerman, Bertha Taylor, Misses Maggie Haverly, Hazel Gooley, Beatrice Benninghoff.

In looking over my records I find we have a good many young members who could easily pledge small amounts to the expenses of the church, we have boys who carry papers and girls who earn money in different ways and each

one could and should pay regularly and systematically to the church. May I urge upon you to get a carton of envelopes, fill out a pledge card for 3, 5, 10 or 15 cents per week, just what you can, and get started in the right way to support the church, then as your income increases you should enlarge your payments.

Hoping I can count on you to do your best in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. F. CLOSE,
Financial Secretary.

As mentioned in the December "Visitor" it is absolutely necessary that the church raise more money for current expenses this year. We are not complaining about what was done last year, but in a great many cases the special funds have been raised and current expense payments cut down, this we must overcome this year, and the only way is to raise our subscriptions. At a recent meeting of the consistory this matter was gone over thoroughly and the members of the consistory have been supplied with a list of members to be seen personally, those who have not given pledges will be urged to do so, and those who can will be asked to raise their pledges. Give the matter your earnest, serious thought and you will readily realize the position we are in, the church must have a certain amount of money to run on, and we cannot get along with less, can we count on you to do your part. Don't wait to be called on, but fill out a pledge card for the largest amount possible and drop it on the plate or hand to one of the consistory.

We are anxious to avoid being obliged to raise special funds and can do so if we will each pledge ourselves to pay as we are able.

We trust we have made the matter clear to you and that you will co-operate with us.

The Church Consistory,
By W. F. Close, Clerk.

The annual congregational meeting January 1st., 1913.

New Year's evening, under the management of the Laymen's League, the men of Grace church gave their annual supper. The attendance was good and every person enjoyed the chicken supper. The net receipts of the supper were \$33.41. At 7:30 the congregation held its annual meeting. The following officers were elected: Elders, H. E. Vordemark, W. F. Close, for two years; Frank Leikauf, for one year; Deacons, H. E. Metzner, George Shiffer, two years; Financial Secretary, W. F. Close; Benevolence Secretary, E. C. Close; Treasurer, J. W. Brewer. The congregation, by unanimous vote expressed its appreciation of Mr. Carnegie's generous contribution of \$1,000 toward the purchase of the pipe organ just installed, also extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Vordemark for the service he rendered in securing this gift from Mr. Carnegie.

Abstracts of reports made at the annual meeting. Report of Financial Secretary, W. F. Close.

Total Receipts.

1st quarter	\$ 438.91
2nd quarter	376.88
3rd quarter	285.39
4th quarter	428.62

Total\$1,529.80

Church Treasurer's Report—J. W. Brewer.

Total Receipts.

1st quarter	\$1,553.71
2nd quarter	471.38
3rd quarter	349.80
4th quarter	646.79

Total\$3,021.68

Disbursements.

1st quarter	\$1,553.71
2nd quarter	471.38
3rd quarter	349.80
4th quarter	641.94

Total\$3,016.83

Cash on hand.....\$4.35

Sunday school treasurer's report—
Eva Williams.

Receipts.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1st 1912....	\$196.22
1st quarter	58.21
2nd quarter	61.24
3rd quarter	41.08
4th quarter	75.14

Total\$431.89

Expenditures.

1st quarter	\$202.21
2nd quarter	39.60
3rd quarter	58.35
4th quarter	54.50

Total\$354.66

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1913.....\$77.23

Report of the Treasurer of Woman's
Aid Society—Mrs. Frank Leikauf.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1912.....	\$187.88
Monthly dues	34.65
Janitor	9.60
Suppers	119.60
Sewing and Christmas sale....	74.78
Teas	41.35
Home baking	16.60
Penny boxes and social.....	50.20
Table linen fund	10.75
Carpet fund	41.00
Dollar fund	16.00
Miscellaneous	12.75

Total\$615.16

Disbursements.

Jo church debt	\$239.39
To janitor	41.00
To frescoeing church	258.50
To carpet debt	41.00
To plumbing and stove.....	15.27

Total\$595.16

Bal. on Hand\$20.16

Report of the C. E. Society—Evan
Williams, Treasurer.

Amt. in Treas. Jan. 1, 1912.....\$12.11

Payment of dues 21.00 |

Receipts from entertainment and

social 15.50 |

Total\$48.61

Expenditures for year\$24.90

Balance in treasury\$23.71

Report of the Woman's Missionary
Society—Mrs. J. H. Shaub, treasurer.

Receipts.

By dues for the year.....\$40.23

Free will offering 10.74 |

Total\$50.97

Report of the Laymen's League—E.
A. Close, Treasurer.

Receipts.

From former treasurer, Jan. 1,

1912 \$21.37 |

Received from due, etc. 16.05 |

Net receipts of men's supper,

Jan. 1st. 33.41 |

Total\$70.83

Expenditures.

Flowers\$ 1.75

Bill for Supper, 1912 5.00 |

Duplex envelopes for cong.... 15.42 |

Total\$26.17

Cash on hand\$44.66

Grace Church Visitor, Nov. 1st, 1911,
to Nov 1, 1912.

Receipts.

By advertisements\$110.00

By subscriptions 21.50 |

Total\$131.50

Expenses to printing\$102.50

Net receipts\$29.00

Amt. on hand Jan. 1, 1912..... |

For repairs on parsonage.....\$27.81

Receipt, sale social by Sunday

school 38.35 |

Annual picnic 3.30 |

Net receipts of Visitor 1912.... 29.00 |

Total\$98.46

Expenditures.

Repairs in parsonage, floors and

porches, painting\$110.00

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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Mrs. Margaret Boger has returned from a visit in Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Minnie Reible is ill at St. Joseph hospital. She has submitted to an operation and will soon undergo another.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has been having a struggle with la grippe. She is much improved and able to be about again.

The weather man is trying his best to please you. If you did not enjoy skating, you can go swimming now, or wading. Don't forget your umbrella.

Mr. Frank Moore has been seriously ill at his home on Creighton avenue. He is able to be about again and the doctor gives every hope of his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ida Freymuth and little daughter, Georgia, and Miss Alice Hildebrand, of Canton, O., cousins of Mrs. Zartman, spent New Year's week at the parsonage. This was their first visit to Fort Wayne. They were much pleased with Grace church and interested in its welfare.

The meeting of the executive committee of the Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Hildebrand and was very harmonious and pleasant, every one seemed anxious to make this the best year for the church. If those who have been in the habit of excusing themselves will help to push we feel sure the work will succeed.

The Young People's Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Close at their new home on Wagner street Tuesday evening, Jan. 7th. The evening was one of the worst of the season. The young people who braved the storm had a very enjoyable

time and surely relished the lunch served by Mrs. Close.

The Laymen's League was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Tuesday evening, Jan. 14. This was annual meeting of the League. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Ernest A. Close; Vice President, J. W. Brewer; secretary, Arthur Weiler; treasurer, A. Jones. The men had a very pleasant and interesting meeting. Mrs. Brewer served a very beautiful lunch, which was much enjoyed by the men.

Mr. Otto Schmidt has accepted a situation in Indianapolis, the home of his parents. We shall greatly miss him from our services and almost every department of the church. He was faithful and devoted to the church while in Fort Wayne. These were the habits of his life as we have learned from his friends in Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he was located before coming to our city. What better recommendation can any young man have than to say that he is a good christian. Our interest and best wishes shall follow Mr. Schmidt wherever he goes.

The financial secretary received a very interesting letter from Irving Bitner a few days before Christmas. The pastor received a post card from him mailed at Los Angeles, where he spent his Christmas with his brother Clark and wife. Our young brother is well and happy. On his trip to Los Angeles he stopped off at Palo Alto to see Mr. Schaaf and daughter, Clara. We are glad for these communications. In the letter to financial secretary were enclosed \$12, ten dollars for current expenses, and two dollars for benevolence.

The Missionary society was entertained at the parsonage January 16. There was a good attendance notwithstanding the rain. Mrs. J. S. House,

president of the board of managers of the Y. W. C. A. was present and gave an excellent talk on the work of the association. A full conception of the good that is being accomplished for the girls of our city ought to increase the membership of the association and broaden its influence. Should anyone want to give any assistance along this line you can confer with Mrs. Zartman. We should have many members of the association in Grace church. It is a privilege to be identified with any work that will make life easier and happier for those who may need our help. The joy that rebounds upon our own lives will more than repay us for all we do.

Every member of the church should be interested in the Sunday school. If you know any children who do not attend Sunday school visit them and try to bring them with you. There are many little children who could be secured for the Sunday school if some one would only bring them.

Elsie May Sheets died at Saginaw, Mich., Sunday morning, Dec. 15. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Meyers, residing at 1108 Lillie street. She was born in Fort Wayne, March 9, 1890. For a number of years she was a member of our Sunday school and was baptized and received into Grace church March 30, 1902. The funeral services were held from the home of her parents on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18. The husband, a little son, father, and mother and two sisters survive her.

Mrs. Hester Olds died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nevada Boals, 1831 N. Clinton street, Friday, Jan. 3. She was the wife of Dr. Olds, who was a well-known practitioner in Allen county for many years. Mrs. Olds was an invalid for a number of years. She was an excellent woman. She united with the Christian church at a very

early period in her life. She was born at Bellville, O., Feb. 25, 1828. Four sons and two daughters mourn the death of this mother. The pastor conducted a brief service at the home of her daughter Sunday afternoon, Jan.

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5. The remains were taken to Bellmore, O., for burial on Monday morning.

Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS

Feb. 2.—“Christian Endeavor Principles and How to Uphold Them,” John 4:6-15. (Christian Endeavor Day.

Feb. 5.—“The Ideal Christian, His Zeal,” 2 Co. 6:1-10—Mrs. F. D. Knot.

Feb. 16.—“Bulletins from the Temperance War,” Rev. 13:1 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20—Elsie Wickart.

Feb. 23.—“Mission Work at Home and Abroad,” Matt. 10:7-11—Mrs. Zartman.

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